

I am outraged to learn that the NAB would try to limit XM Satellite Radio from providing a valuable service to its customers, and I am further angered since this represents a blatant attempt to take away a part of my XM service that I appreciate and utilize a great deal. When one bank started offering free checking, others started offering free checking and free online bill pay to compete. When one fast food restaurant started offering carb-friendly diets, the others followed suit in order to maintain their customers' business and loyalty. The banks didn't lobby Congress to make the first bank to stop offering a free product, nor did the other fast food restaurants launch a public outcry over the amendments of the first's menu. When a competitor does something better, you don't complain about it, you improve YOUR product to match or beat it. If you can't do this, you go out of business, and go out of business you *should*.

Furthermore, I pay for XM radio. It offers far better programming than I can find anywhere else, especially compared to the crap (NPR excluded) that's on FM these days. I not only expect the maximum value for my dollar, I demand it. When an organization comes along and tries to diminish the value offered by a competitor rather than improving its product or the encouraging its member companies to improve theirs, I lose all respect for that organization. I know it's exploiting a cliché to say this, but if you can't take the heat, get out of the kitchen; don't hire a hit man to kill the cook.